Under-utilization of funds sanctioned for the disabled

*318. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that her Ministry has not been able to utilize even 50 per cent of the funds sanctioned for the disabled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that unutilised funds on this account are being diverted to other sectors;

(d) whether Government would draw a contingent plan for the maximum utilisation of this fund for the disabled for whom it is sanctioned; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c). No, Sir. More than 95% of funds allocated for disability sector during the last three years have been utilised. Re-appropriation of savings from one head to another is done as and when such a need arises.

(d) and (e) Periodical review meetings are held to ensure maximum utilisation of funds allocated to the various schemes/programmes in the disability sector.

Allotment of Government Accommodation

† *319. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure followed for allocation of houses to the employees belonging to all categories working in various offices of Central Government;

(b) the number of categories for which the houses are allocated as well as the details of pay scales on the basis of which the allocations are made for type-I to type-V quarters;

(c) whether all the departments and autonomous departments, such as Supreme Court, Election Commission are establishing their monopoly in the allocation of quarters; and

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